(a) whether the State Government of Chhattisgarh has submitted any proposal relating to Rs. 18.61 crores aid for setting up of Government Ayurvedic Institure for clearance by Government; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no scheme under this Department for providing grant-in-aid for the establishment of a new Institution in the State Sector. However, there are schemes for assisting existing Institutions. The Government of Chhattisgarh has been informed accordingly.

Setting-up Government Hospitals and PHCs

459. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government Hospitals and Primary Health Centres proposed to be set-up in different parts of the country during the year 2002-2003;

(b) the details of places identified for the above purpose;

(c) the details of funds allocated for the same; and

(d) the necessary steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Health being a State subject under the Constitution of India, it is the responsibility of the concerned State Government to set up hospitals/Primary Health Centres according to the need and resources available with them under State Sector and its own budget.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Beautification of Dr. RML Hospital

†460. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) the details of amount spent on beautification of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital during the last three years and till 30th June, 2002 together with details fo various heads under which the expenditure has been incurred;

(b) whether open tenders were not invited for the different works executed;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken to invite open tenders for different works tc be completed in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) No money has been spent of beautification of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital during the last three years and till 30th June, 2002 by the CPWD.

Cancer Control

461. SHRI K.M. KHAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing incidence of cancer in the country, particularly amongst women;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to contain, control and prevent cancer;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to set-up more Cancer Research Centres and Units in hospitals across the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether there is any proposal for financial assistance to poor cancer patients?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) The data from Population Based Cancer Registries functioning under the National Cancer Registry Programme of ICMR does not indicate any increase in incidence rate of cancers of all sites considered together.

(b) Under the National Cancer Control Programme this Ministry is implementing various schemes aimed at creating awareness among the